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Confirmation No. 2989	) Examiner: MILLER, WILLIAM L.
Filed: December 24, 2001	) Group Art Unit: 3677
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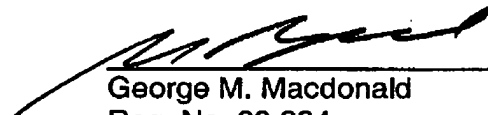
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Sir:


This communication is submitted in response to the October 10, 2003 Office Action ("Office Action"). Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendment to the Specification;
2. Amendment to the Claims; and
3. Remarks.

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